

"RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116-  
EXPEDITED PROCEDURE EXAMINING  
GROUP 1712"



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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE**

APPLICATION OF

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FOR: HYDROGELS CAPABLE OF  
ABSORBING AQUEOUS FLUIDS

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: EXAMINER: METZMAIER

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: GROUP ART UNIT: 1712

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**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
ALEXANDRIA, VIRGINIA 22313-1450

SIR:

In response to the Office Action dated January 13, 2006, please reconsider the application in view of the following amendment and remarks.

**AMENDMENT**

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

The **Basis for Amendment** begins on page 7 of this paper.

The **Remarks** begin on page 8 of this paper.

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